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"Treasure or Albatross: What to Keep and how to Care for it," is the title of a collection development workshop to be offered at three Montana locations in September. The workshop, sponsored by the Statewide Collection Development Committee, will be held in Sidney on September 21, Roundup on September 22 and Helena on September 23. All workshops will be from 9:30 to 4. Exact locations have not yet been determined. Registration and materials will be free. Travel stipends will be offered to individuals whose libraries are more than 150 miles from the nearest workshop location. Registration materials with further information will be sent the third week in August to all libraries and all trustees in the state.

At the June meeting of the Technology Committee, Ruth Patrick, Director of the University of Montana Mansfield Library, was elected chair of the committee. She replaces Debbie Schlesinger, Director of the Lewis & Clark Library. John Meckler, Plains High School librarian, replaces Diane Van Gorden, Baker High School librarian, as a committee member.

Jim Heckel, Collection Management librarian at Lewis & Clark Library, replaces Niki Whearty, Helena High School librarian, as chair of the Collection Development Committee.

Planning is underway for fall workshops on the variety of reference tools available to Montana librarians. More details are forthcoming. To date, the following times and places have been set for the workshops: Pathfinder federation libraries- September 30 at an unspecified location, Sagebrush federation libraries- October 1 in Miles City, Tamarack federation libraries- October 14 in Pablo. The other federations will have workshops, but arrangements for them have not yet been made.

The Montana State Library will soon become a member of the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) and will maintain dual membership in the Western Library Network (WLN) and OCLC. This will give the state access to two bibliographic utilities. Joining OCLC will fulfill two critical needs. Libraries in Montana will have access to OCLC when references do not appear on WLN. It will also allow Montana State Library to participate in the Name Authority project of the Library of Congress. The State Library is responsible for establishing Name Authority headings for Montana state documents for the Library of Congress. These are not available through WLN. OCLC provides on-line access to authority files.

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Upcoming library events and meetings include the Federation Coordinators meeting at the State Library in Helena on June 21, the State Library Commission meeting at the State Library on June 22, the American Library Association summer conference in New Orleans July 9 through 14 and the Library Services Advisory Council meeting at the State Library on July 27 and 28. Persons interested in receiving agendas for or information about these events should contact Sallie Fenning at the State Library 1515 E. 6th, Helena, 59620. 444-5353

More than 79 million men and women in the United States (57 percent of the adult population) visit a public library each year. Academic libraries serve an estimated 12 million college and university students. More than 47 million public and private school students use a school library media center each week. These are some of the statistics in a new full color booklet published by the American Library Association (ALA). In "America's Libraries: New Views," the ALA presents basic facts and figures about libraries and shows what they are doing to serve their growing constituencies. ALA is distributing "New Views" to national media. Libraries may buy booklets for local use with media, legislators and library trustees. The price is \$20 for 20 copies. Write ALA Graphics, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, (312)944-6780.

Topics on the agenda for the June 22 meeting of the State Library Commission include approval of 1989 federation plans of service, a follow up report on Commission concerns on University libraries funding needs, a report on LSCA literacy grants, and a report on and demonstration of the Natural Resource Information System's Geographic Information System. The 9:30 - 3:30 meeting in the Montana State Library meeting room is open to all interested parties.

The Readasaurus reading program sponsored by Reading is Fundamental and ABC/PBS Youth Plus is offering a bonus to young readers. The promotion features a prize drawing for children ages 5 - 12 who enter postcards with the titles of three books read during May, June, July or August, 1988. The grand prize is a three day trip for the winner and his/her parents, an IBM personal computer for the winner and his/her library, and an IBM Writing to Read Laboratory for the winner's school. A reproducible rules sheet is available free by sending a SASE to ALA Public Information Office, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

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